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FORMER TAX PREPARER ADMITS TO TAX FRAUD

(Lufkin, TX) A 44-year-old Texarkana, Texas woman has pleaded guilty to conspiring to file false federal income tax returns in the Eastern District of Texas. **COLLEEN JORDAN** entered her guilty plea today before United States Magistrate Judge Caroline Craven.

According to information presented in court, beginning in 2000 and continuing through 2002, Jordan obtained the names, addresses, social security numbers and other identifying information regarding individuals incarcerated at the Bi-State Justice facility in Texarkana. In 2004, while employed as a tax preparer for a professional tax preparation company in Atlanta, Texas, Jordan used the information to prepare false W-2 forms and fraudulent IRS 1040 Tax Returns and submit them to the IRS claiming refunds. Jordan did not have authority to obtain or use the identifying information.

Jordan faces up to 10 years in federal prison and a fine of up to \$250,000 when sentenced. A sentencing date has not been set.

The Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation Division and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are conducting the investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Barry Bryant.

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